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Greetings! Welcome to the first Facilities Forum Newsletter! This bi-monthly newsletter will keep the community informed of various activities being performed by Facilities Services. Recently, Facilities Services was reorganized from Physical Plant to the Division of Facilities Services. The new division title reflects our

diverse, professional support to campus. Facilities consist of four departments: Facilities Operations, Business Operations, Environmental Health and Safety, and Planning, Design and Construction.

In the next few weeks, Facilities Services will post an online survey. Using the feedback from the survey, our goal is to improve the services we provide to the GSU community. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.

As we approach the end of Fall semester, I would like to thank everyone in Facilities Services for an outstanding job with commencement, summer projects, Operation Move-In and special events and facility openings.

During the holiday season, please take time to enjoy your family and friends, but please remember those less fortunate and our military, which are in world-wide locations defending us.

With warmest regards,

Marvin Mills
Associate Vice President



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Facilities Veterans Honored

On November 11th, Associate Vice President Marvin Mills honored Veterans employed in Facilities Services with a warm reception. Everyone shared their memories and experiences of serving our country. Our staff has a combined total of 136 years of service.



Pictured from left to right: Larry Gibson (Plumbing), Henry McCutchins (Landscape), Ron Vereen (Carpentry Shop), Charles "Deonne" Hendricks (Custodial), Doug Gray (Electric), Sidney Marlin (EHS), Sonny Dixon (Auto Shop), Ryan Macy (Landscape), James "Morgan" Chester (Electric), Paul Anderson (Lock & Access Control), Marvin Mills (AVP), Stanley Robbins (Custodial), Zach VanOtteren (Landscape), Jeremy Walker (Landscape)

Facilities Planning, Design & Construction

Shooting Sports Education Center

Located at the corner of Old Register Road and the Highway 301 Bypass, the Shooting Sports Education Center facility will be 31,650 square feet for both

university and public use. The center will serve the educational, training and competitive events for firearms and archery. With sixteen firing lanes, an indoor archery range as well as administration/classroom spaces, the facility will be a joint partnership between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and Georgia Southern University.

With a budget of \$5,831,000, Ajax Building Corporation is the Construction Manager and Lyman Davidson Dooley is the Design Engineer. William Cone, Georgia Southern's Project Manager, is overseeing the project. The project began construction on November 25, 2014 and is scheduled for substantial completion by June 2015.



Health Services Center

An \$8,325,000 project, the Health Services Center is anticipated to be complete in November 2015. The new facility located on Plant Drive will be 39,000 square feet and will house exam rooms and women's health in addition to x-ray, pharmacy, laboratory and immunization services. The Eagle Eye Care Center, Education Resources, and Physical Therapy will also be housed in the Health Services Center. Sandra Wilkinson, Georgia Southern's Project Manager, is overseeing the project. Designed by Collins Cooper Caursi Inc., construction will begin in December 2014.





Employees, GSU Awarded by BOR

In October, Georgia Southern received the following three awards at the Facilities Officers Conference in Savannah, Georgia:

Distinguished Service Award, Mr. Haroun Hodayun, University Architect

USG 2014 Innovation Award for Adaptive Reuse, Sanford Hall Project awarded to Facilities staff Haroun Hodayun, Bryan Rountree, Carrie Thorne and Michelle Stewart

Georgia Energy Challenge Certificate for fulfilling the Georgia Energy Challenge by realizing at least a 15 percent reduction in energy use during 2014. The Certificate is a testament of the teamwork of many Facilities employees and to the leadership of the project lead, Steve Watkins.



Pictured from left to right: Haroun Hodayun, University Architect; Kelly Wilson, BOR Real Estate Program Manager; Marvin Mills, AVP, Facilities Services; David Faircloth, Director, FPDC



New Green Outdoor Classroom Facility at Biological Sciences

The outdoor classroom is a "green" teaching facility on the south side of the new Biological Sciences Building. Designed to demonstrate principles of sustainability, the open air steel structure is planted with native flowering vines which will grow to provide a natural shade canopy. Contemporary concrete picnic tables sit on a permeable gravel surface, emphasizing another sustainable principle of rain water infiltration. All plantings are irrigated by the campus' reclaimed water system.

The structure was designed by campus landscape architect, Chuck Taylor. Structural Engineering support was provided by RWP Engineering. The project was constructed By Dabbs-Williams Construction of Statesboro.



Facilities Operations

Saving Energy with Solar Charged Golf Carts

The Electrical Engineering department collaborated with Facilities and competed for and won a 2014 grant from the Student Sustainability Fee in the amount of \$30,425. The goal of the project is to retrofit over twenty university electric service golf carts with solar panels in order to allow the carts to charge

throughout the day to reduce the conventional electric charging and save energy. These vehicles will represent a testimony of the effectiveness of the sustainability initiative and will increase the sustainability awareness among the GSU community. The team has also received a solar-charged golf cart donation from Club Car LLC for conducting research on sustainable energy solutions. Pictured below is a Facilities solar powered golf cart.



Going Green with New Hand Dryers

Select buildings on campus are going green with the Hand Dryer Replacement project that replaces paper towel dispensers with the World Dryer electric hand dryer. Brandon McDaniel is Georgia Southern's Project Supervisor and the project was designed by Facilities Planning, Design and Construction's resident Electrical Engineer, William Harris.

- Rex Services LLC dba Rhodes Electric Services is the contractor
- Contract award amount \$129,150
- Project start date October 20, 2014
- Projected completion date January 9, 2015
- 119 units installed in 8 buildings: Henderson Library, Williams Center, College of Education, Biological Sciences, IT Building, Engineering Building, College of Business Administration and Nessmith Lane

- Converting from paper towels to hand dryers represents a 87.5% cost savings



Keeping Georgia Southern Beautiful

"When I have outside company to visit, I always bring them to show off the campus here at GSU. They are amazed at how nice it looks. It is important for our public image to look nice as it attracts people who want to come work here and visitors. It also creates high morale for those who work here currently. Thanks to GSU Grounds and Landscaping for their hard work and efforts. It is much appreciated."

Dr. James Stephens, Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health

"Over the course of the summer, I was pleased to receive a lot of comments about how nice the landscape looks on campus. Feedback from our campus community is a great gauge to assist in evaluating the quality of services we are providing."

Ryan Macy, Landscape Services Manager



Pictured from left to right: Chris Littleton, Tracey Rushing, Alicia Kitchens, and Harvey Littles

CPR and AED Training

- Facilities Services Employees received CPR-AED training through Ogeechee Technical College
- On October 3 and November 7, a total of 71 Facilities employees were trained
- Future classes will be offered for 2nd and 3rd shifts and other employees who may be interested



Pictured from left to right: Harvey Billups, Lisa Lockhart, Joann Williams, and Howatta Washington

Environmental Health & Safety

Campus Installation of AEDs



In collaboration with the President's office and many other departments at Georgia Southern University, Environmental Health and Safety has assisted in the installation of 150 Automated Electronic Defibrillators. The current project consists of three phases.

During Phases 1 and 2 cabinets were installed in select locations around campus in which the actual AED unit was later installed.

Phase 3 is projected for summer 2015 and the goal is to have at least one AED in every campus building. All units are monitored by EHS staff for functionality on a monthly basis. No training is needed to operate an AED unit although training is available in your Build a Better U plan. Click [here](#) for more information!

Tailgate Recycling Program

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety has been actively involved in sustainable efforts for minimizing the burden on the environment when it comes to items normally sent to the landfill as regular trash. In collaboration with Dr. Lissa Leege and the Center for Sustainability, the EHS Recycling Team along with student volunteers have kept almost 4000 lbs. of recyclable material out of the landfill. These activities are centered around material collected from home football game tailgating activities and material placed in recycling receptacles at entrances to the football stadium. The items include plastic bottles and cups, cardboard, and aluminum cans. Recyclable material from games averages 820 lbs. per game. We continually encourage Eagle Nation to be active participants in recycling and sustainable efforts especially at our sporting events. Dr. Lissa Leege, Director of Center for Sustainability, Holly Shuman, Facilities Health and Safety Technician are pictured below with student volunteers on game day at Paulson Stadium.



Business Operations

New Hires and Promotions

Since November 1, Facilities has hired and promoted thirteen people in six different departments. Congratulations to our new employees!



Front Row from left to right: Janice Skinner (Structural), Glenda Moore (Custodial), Bobby Cooper (Structural), Jackie Hill (Custodial)
Back Row from left to right: Ronnie Phillips (Mechanical), Lisa Lockhart (Administration), Stephen Hart (Structural), Truman Anderson (Landscape), Brian Sowell (FPDC)
Not pictured: Ronald Holton (Mechanical), Alicia Kitchens (Landscape), Jean Scott (Custodial), Sarah Singleton (Custodial)

End of Year Project Initiation Form

The form below is to be completed for all projects expected to be completed using End of Year 2015 funds. *Projects* are defined as anything that is not considered normal maintenance and repairs to a building such as: projects involving adding or removing walls, changing or adding space use, adding new lab equipment, purchasing new furniture and/or new carpet and installing locks. The completed form should be submitted by 5pm on January 16, 2015 to Wendy Woodrum, Director of Business Operations, Facilities Services, Building 450, Box 8012 or wwoodrum@georgiasouthern.edu.

PIF - EOY Project Initiation Form



During the holidays, many buildings are decorated beautifully like Marvin Pittman Administration pictured above. It takes a team to decorate Sweetheart Circle, Nursing/Chemistry, College of Education, Eugene M. Bishop Alumni Center and Recreation Activity Center (RAC). Thank you to the staff of Facilities Structural department for "decking the halls" with

- 81,000 bulbs
- 24 lampposts
- 18 wreaths
- 320 bows



Pictured from left to right: Wendell Walker, Jim Tyler, Ron Vereen, Robert Noah, Alston Glisson and Chris Killgo

Meet Our Management Team



Associate Vice
President of
Facilities
[Marvin Mills](#)



Director of Facilities
Planning, Design &
Construction
[David Faircloth](#)



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